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Date: Sat/8th/Oct/05

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Your Ref:

Professor Ramesh Deosaran,
Head,
Centre for Criminology and Criminal Justice,
University of the West Indies,
St. Augustine Campus.

SUBJECT: UPCOMING BREAKFAST MEETING AND SEMINAR ON VICTIMS' RIGHTS

Dear Professor,

Thank you for the invitation to the Breakfast Meeting on Sat/15/Oct/05 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and the Notice of the Seminar on "Victims' Rights and Welfare" on Sat/12/Nov/05 at the LRC, UWI.

Over the years my research as a Housing Specialist has highlighted two important facts: -

1. That criminal behaviour has an inherent paradoxical nature and therefore must be analyzed with a suitable model and
2. There must be a collaborative and cohesive thrust in the intelligence gathering aspect of crime prevention that has to rely on "close to the ground" support, with well managed communication strategies, as opposed to high level and International assistance.

As part of my contribution to MAVAW, attempts are being made to develop "The BSD Syndrome" both as a scientific treatment of Domestic Violence and as a Model for analyzing its occurrence in families.

The volume and scope of this attempt requires resources unavailable to me and MAVAW at the present time but the concept has been introduced to the local and International NGO community a few years ago. On our developing Website the Folder "The BSD Syndrome" can provide some insight into my attempt.

An unbiased review of the nearest thing we have to "close to the ground" intelligence gathering i.e. "The Crime Stoppers Programme", will reveal that there are reports the Police have not attended to as yet although the activity reported is ongoing. This is not the forum to lay the foundation for Item 2 above.

In the Folder "Books", "Gender" same site a copy of the Draft Gender Policy is available for first reading.

Our Chairman Christopher Holder recently completed his M.Sc at your Centre in the "Sociology of Crime and will be interested in offering his views. I am interested in doing Law next year, wish me luck.

Our sincere thanks again for your kind invitation, which I will try to attend.

SignedDONALD BERMENT Secretary MAVAW.

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